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SUBJECT:LOS: GROUP OF FIVE MEETING

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1. AT LAST MEETING IN NEW YORK IN SEPTEMBER GROUP OF FIVE AGREED TO HOLD FURTHER CONSULTATIONS BY HEADS OF DELEGATION PRIOR TO NEXT SESSION OF EVENSEN GROUP. OUR LATEST INFORMATION IS THAT EVENSEN GROUP WILL MEET IN NEW YORK, DECEMBER 1 THROUGH 12. WE, THEREFORE, PROPOSE THAT GROUP OF FIVE MEET DURING WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24-28. WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE MEMBERS OF GROUP TO MEET IN WASHINGTON OR AT US MISSION TO UN IN NEW YORK. AT LAST NEW YORK MEETING THE POSSIBILITY OF MEETING IN LONDON WAS CONSIDERED. HOWEVER, THIS SEEMED LESS CONVENIENT THAN A U.S. SITE. WE HAVE PROPOSED WASHINGTON OR US MISSION TO UN FOR NEXT GROUP OF FIVE MEETING TO UK EMBOFF GLOVER WHO HAS RELAYED SUGGESTION TO LONDON. UK HAS AGREED TO US SITE. PLEASE INFORM APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF OUR PROPOSAL TO HOLD NEXT MEETING ON DATES INDICATED EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK AND REPORT ON WHETHER DATES ARE SATISFACTORY AND WHETHER THERE IS A PREFERENCE AS TO LOCATION.

2. WE RECOMMEND THAT GROUP OF FIVE HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING INCLUDE ON AGENDA MAJOR UNRESOLVED ISSUES WITHIN GROUP, INCLUDING DEEP SEABED (QUOTA SYSTEM), MARINE POLLUTION, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, DISPUTE SETTLEMENT, AND COMMITTEE II ISSUES UNRESOLVED AT THE LAST MEETING. WITH RESPECT TO COMMITTEE II, IN REVIEWING REPORT, WE BELIEVE IMPORTANT OUTSTANDING ISSUES INCLUDING ARTICLES 1 AND 117; 18(2); 53(3); 56 AND 63(4); 62; 69; AND 94 WITHOUT PREJUDICE, OF COURSE, TO QUESTIONS ON OTHER ARTICLES. WITH RESPECT TO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT, WE BELIEVE THAT GROUP MUST COME TO GRIPS WITH THE QUESTION OF WHAT ISSUES WILL BE SUBJECT TO BINDING THIRD-PARTY DISPUTE SETTLEMENT. WE PLAN TO PROPOSE SPECIFIC AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION OF MEMBERS OF GROUP.

3. THERE IS SOME INDICATION THAT PAUL ENGO, CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE I, IS CONSIDERING INSTRUCTING CHRISTOPHER PINTO TO CONVENE SMALL GROUP DURING LAST TWO WEEKS OF NOVEMBER IN NEW YORK TO DEAL WITH DEEP SEABED ISSUES. WE WILL NOT KNOW THE DETAILS OF INTERSESSIONAL WORK SCHEDULE UNTIL CONFIDENTIAL

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AFTER ENGO CONSULTS WITH UN SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS NEXT WEEK. IF COMMITTEE I MEETING IS HELD IN NEW YORK, WE WOULD PROPOSE HOLDING THREE DAY MEETING OF COMMITTEE I EX-PERTS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE I MEETING, I.E., POSSIBLY AROUND NOVEMBER 12-14. WE WILL ADVISE POSTS OF ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN REGARDING ENGO OR PINTO INTERSESSIONAL WORK.

4. FOR TOKYO: AS NOTED PARA 1 ABOVE, WE HAVE SUGGESTED

TO UK EMB HERE THAT NEXT MEETING TAKE PLACE IN NEW YORK
OR WASHINGTON. WE HAVE NOT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH JAPANESE
ON THIS ISSUE.

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